

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY FOR ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, tucked away in northeast Texas is the historic city of Marshall, Texas. As the seat of Harrison County, Marshall is also home to East Texas Baptist University, a respected institution of higher learning. In its one hundred year history, student enrollment at ETBU has grown from a few hundred students to a vibrant, bustling campus filled with more than twelve hundred young men and women seeking a college degree. This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the trustees' application for a charter from the State of Texas in 1912 to begin what was then known as the College of Marshall, and it is a great privilege to recognize this momentous centennial event.

In 1944 the College of Marshall, under the direction of the Baptist General Convention, changed its name to East Texas Baptist College. Then in 1957, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted accreditation to the institution which helped establish its enduring academic credibility. The University Charter was revised in 1984, changing the institutional name to what we now know as East Texas Baptist University.

ETBU boasts a number of notable alumni including two former members of this esteemed body: John Dowdy, Texas, Member of the United States House of Representatives (1967–1973) and Sam B. Hall, Member of the United States House of Representatives (1976–85) and United States District Judge (1985–94).

ETBU stands by its commitment to the “development of intellectual inquiry, social consciousness, wellness, and skills for a contemporary society, global awareness, and Christian character.” Its focus is on “quality academic programs in the humanities, natural and social sciences, fine arts, and selected professional areas.” Staff and faculty of ETBU “affirm that the liberal arts form the surest foundation for education and that the Christian faith provides the surest foundation for life.”

As a Baptist university, ETBU is committed to the integration of learning and Christian faith in the pursuit of truth. The beautiful campus of ETBU is located at the highest elevation in Harrison County, and represents a beacon of higher learning to students who venture to the piney woods of east Texas in pursuit of a quality, upper level, truly Christian based liberal arts education.

It is an enormous honor to represent the students and faculty of ETBU, so it brings me great pride today that to recognize East Texas Baptist University on its century of instilling academic excellence while integrating faith with learning. Following the years of loyal service by Dr. Samuel W. “Dub” Oliver as

President, ETBU is well poised for continued success in the future.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to the faculty, staff, students and alumni of East Texas Baptist University, as their legacy of distinction is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America. Their excellence in faithfully sustaining the ethical, spiritual and intellectual foundations of a God centered education makes it my great honor to be their servant in the United States House of Representatives.

COMMEMORATING THE SUMGAIT POGROMS AGAINST AZERBAIJANI ARMENIANS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, February 27th marks the 24th anniversary of a violent and horrific attack against Azerbaijani citizens of Armenian descent. The 1988 attacks began in the town of Sumgait in Soviet Azerbaijan. Dozens of Armenians were killed, and hundreds more were wounded. During what even the Soviet government officially described as a “pogrom”—an organized massacre of helpless people—Armenian women and children were raped, and people were set on fire and beaten to death, all while police stood by.

Tragically, the events in Sumgait presaged further pogroms in Kirovabad in November of 1988 and Baku in January of 1990. This violence initiated a broader attack against Azerbaijan's Armenian population, resulting in thousands of deaths. The conflict persists today, and the Azeri military blockade of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and other aggression sadly continues.

For me, it is also a very personal remembrance. My own family fled the slaughter of the Armenian Genocide under the Ottomans, and when we learned of the massacres against Armenians in 1988, we saw history repeating itself. These vicious acts of murder targeted at ethnic groups, must be forcefully condemned whenever and wherever we see them. Yet 96 years after the slaughter of Armenians, the U.S. House of Representatives has yet to officially recognize the Armenian genocide.

Without our recognition and our forceful condemnation, the cycle of violence will continue. Today, Christians and other minority groups are being driven from Iraq by extremists, and the once large and diverse ethnic communities are being eradicated. Without our attention and action by the world community, there will be no end to this senseless violence around the world.

Today, let us remember the Armenians who lost their lives in Azerbaijan in 1988, and pray that the world will finally take greater account of these atrocities and work together. Let us

take up the work that our principles demand of us, standing united against ethnic violence, discrimination, extremism and brutality, wherever we find it.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOHN R. BAILEY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John R. Bailey of Chester County, Pennsylvania on his retirement after 34 years of law enforcement service with the Tredyffrin Township Police Department.

Detective Sergeant Bailey began his law enforcement career with Tredyffrin Township on December 5, 1977. In 1986, he joined the Detective Division and became Detective Supervisor in 1994, eventually being promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2002.

In June 2002, Detective Sergeant Bailey founded the Tri-County Regional Investigators group, a network of law enforcement agencies who work together by sharing information about criminal activity resulting in the successful resolution of crimes that would otherwise remain unsolved. A graduate of the FBI National Academy Session #223, he has served as an Adjunct Professor at Wilmington University, Delaware County Community College and Immaculata University.

Recently elected to the position of Magisterial District Judge after being certified by the Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Board, Detective Sergeant Bailey holds a Masters Degree in Administrative Science from Farleigh Dickinson University.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his years of exemplary service to his community and litany of sterling accomplishments too long to record, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Detective Sergeant John R. Bailey for his invaluable contributions to the quality of life of the citizens of Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania and our entire nation.

REMEMBERING FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN KATIE HALL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness and great respect that I take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's most valued citizens and my predecessor, former Congresswoman Katie Beatrice Hall. Throughout her prestigious career, Katie's contributions to the people of Northwest Indiana and across the nation are exemplary, and she is worthy of the highest praise. Mrs. Hall passed away on Monday, February

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